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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/469,641; Filed: June 6, 1995
For: **Polynucleotides Encoding Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor 3
Polypeptides and Methods for Producing the Polypeptides (As Amended)**
Inventors: HU *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.1040000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application.

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